GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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NOTIFICATION REGARDING WILDLIFE SANCTUARY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had issued any notification declaring the Little Rann of Kutch as a protected Wildlife Sanctuary;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for the rehabilitation of those affected/displaced as a result of the said notification?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) As per the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, declaration of an area as a Wildlife Sanctuary falls within the jurisdiction of the concerned State Government. The State Government of Gujarat has declared total area of 4953.70 Sq. kms of Little Rann of Kutch vide their notification no. GH/KH/13/WLP/1972/79736.P dated 12.1.1973 (4840.89 Sq. kms) and no. GKH/13/78/WLP/1976/89899/P dated 13.1.1978 (112.81 Sq. kms) as Wild Ass Sanctuary.

(c) Settlement of rights and rehabilitation of affected persons is under the jurisdiction of the State Government of Gujarat.